

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Communication mailed on October 6, 2005, the Examiner notes that *"Applicant has not pointed out where support can be found in the specification for each and every amendment."* The following remarks provide such support.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found as follows. That the aneurysm is *"within an aorta"* is found, for example, in dependent claim 5 as filed. Support for *"directing at least one therapeutic agent outwardly to a location on an aortic wall"* is found, for example, in paragraphs 9, 11, 19, 22, 29, and 31. Support for the phrase *"wherein the therapeutic agent inhibits dilation and weakening of the wall of the aorta"* is found in paragraph 8 of the application as originally filed.

Support for the amendment to claim 3 that the device comprises at least *"one anchor for engaging at least a portion of the wall of the aorta"* is found, for example, in paragraphs 23, 27, and 33 of the application as originally filed.

Support for the amendments to claims 4, 5, and 6 is generally the same as that described above for claim 3.

Support for the amendment to claim 21 is found, for example, in original claim 5 and original claim 7, as filed.

Support for the amendments to claims 22 and 25-27 is generally the same as that described above for claim 3.

Support for the amendment to claim 37 is found, for example, in claim 24 as filed.

All remaining amendments were formal in nature and did not introduce new subject matter into the claims.

Applicants believe that the above comments are fully responsive to the Communication mailed on October 6, 2005.

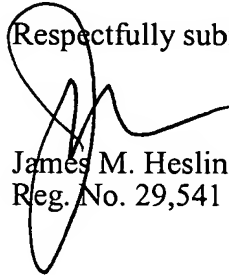
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CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

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